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SUBJECT: JOBERT MEETING WITH FRENCH LATIN AMERICA
CHIEFS OF MISSION

1. ACCORDING TO QUAI AMERICAS DIRECTOR DE SAINT LEGIER, FOREIGN MINISTER JOBERT WILL MEET FRENCH AMBASSADORS STATIONED IN LATIN AMERICA IN CARACAS FROM MARCH 25 TO 27. ST. LEGIER EXPLAINED THAT, UNLIKE AMERICAN CHIEFS OF MISSION MEETINGS, SIMILAR FRENCH MEETINGS ARE NOT HELD ON A REGULAR BASIS. HE SAID JOBERT HAD DECIDED TO HOLD THIS MEETING, NOT ONLY TO RECEIVE FIRST-HAND IMPRESSIONS FROM FRENCH AMBASSADORS OF FRENCH AND EUROPEAN INTERESTS IN LATIN AMERICA, BUT ALSO TO MARK FRANCE'S AND HIS PERSONAL INTEREST IN LATIN AMERICA. DURING VISIT TO CARACAS, JOBERT WILL HAVE NECESSARY CONTACT WITH VENEZUELAN LEADERS.

2. ST. LEGIER SAID CARACAS WAS CHOSEN BECAUSE JOBERT WISHED TO VISIT ONE OF THE "FEW REMAINING DEMOCRACIES" IN LATIN AMERICA. MEXICO HAD BEEN EXCLUDED BECAUSE JOBERT DID NOT WISH TO APPEAR TO BE FOLLOWING IN THE SECRETARYS "TRACES." VARIOUS
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OTHER POSSIBILITIES HAD BEEN ELIMINATED BECAUSE OF

ELECTORAL PERIODS OR POOR TRANSPORTATION CONNECTIONS,
ETC. ST. LEGIER SAID OIL WAS NOT REPEAT NOT A REASON
FOR THE SELECTION OF CARCAS (SIC).
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